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as a year to 150,000 the first pay raise for a president since Truman president-elect Nixon was in California today and had a complete physical examination here is report from NBC News correspondent Herbert Kaplow helicopter carried the president-elect the 20 miles from Los Angeles to Long Beach where the examination took place today on landing he was taken by car to the office of dr. John Lundgren who has been giving mr. Nixon his annual checkup since 1961 longer'n is a specialist in internal medicine and cardiology he went along on parts of the 1960 and 68 Nixon campaign today's examination took about an hour and a half afterwards both the doctor and the patient report a difference in the lifetime he took them in the last year the same same Michelle thank you gentlemen are you cleared that no older no mr. Nixon how do you feel both physically and otherwise to assume the job well I felt fine before I came to see the doctor now that he's told me that I'm supposed to feel fine I feel better well I I went over all that you know I'm I've never been much for one for exercise and I have given up golf pretty much so I don't planned it I don't think I'm going to have the time for that except now I'm down on a special occasions I don't go in for the running which the but the doctor suggested that maybe I might try that bheithaus pool while I like salt water rather than freshwater I might try that pool a bit that'll be my only actual diet diet no just continue that means that's where I get most of my exercise pushing the food away from the table then back to the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles the president-elect went to a luncheon there attended by

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went to a luncheon there attended by many old friends and political supporters California's governor Reagan was also there as was Robert Finch who was to be Secretary of Health Education and Welfare in the Nixon administration election was an honor of Finch who has been serving as lieutenant governor of California Herbert Apple NBC News in Los Angeles on Saturday mr. Nixon will announce his choices for several State Department jobs Under Secretary for political affairs is expected to be you Alexis Johnson ambassador to Japan and former deputy ambassador to Vietnam in Paris today the u.s. offered some new ideas to North Vietnam on how to get the peace talks started at a round table there was no surprise in that but it was a little surprising that Congress refused interfere with one elector who did not vote for the candidate who carried his state he was dr. Lloyd Bailey of North Carolina Nixon carried the state but Bailey voted for Wallis his vote was challenged in the Congress today both houses voted on it and refused to change it they seem to agree that like it or not a presidential elector has the legal right to vote for anyone anyone whatsoever here's a report from contributing editor John Chancellor in Washington at one o'clock this afternoon the members of the Senate arrived in the House chamber for the joint session which was to certify the election of Richard Nixon two men were to challenge part of that success senator Edmund muskie of Maine and congressman James O'Hara of Michigan were to challenge for the first time in history and electoral vote the vote cast by a North Carolina elector who was ruled on a Republican slate but who had cast a vote for a non Republican George Wallace the presiding officer today was Senator Richard Russell of Georgia

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Senator Richard Russell of Georgia President Pro Tem of the Senate he had at his side one of the inlaid mahogany boxes which hold the electoral ballots of the various states the counting began alphabetically the chair hands to the teller the certificates of the electors for president and vice president of the state of Alabama and they will count and make a list of the votes cast by that state to be certified the electoral ballots must seem to be regular in form and must appear authentic the process may look a bit old-fashioned a bit casual but that's the way it's done and there are strong federal reasons for its being done this way Senator Everett Jordan of North Carolina announced the first result Mr. Brandon the certificate of electoral votes to develop a machine to be in regular form in authentic and it appears they're from that George C Wallace the state of Alabama received 10 votes for the presidency and courteous elves appeal and made for the state of California received 10 votes for the vice president with North Carolina was reached in the roll call the challenge to one of its votes was laid down in the two houses went into separate debates on the merits of the challenge Senator Muskie told the Senate that electors should be bound to the states upon which they run if they are not he said the voters are deprived of an effective voice in the selection of a president his opponents argued that there is nothing in the Constitution which abridges the freedom of an elector's choice in the end both houses rejected the challenge Senator Muskie said later that this action had only increased the chances of some future intrigue in the workings of the electoral college in any case they all filed back into the house chamber more votes were tallied and the results announced of the 1968 presidential election Richard Nixon and

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presidential election Richard Nixon and Spiro Agnew with 301 electoral votes Dr. Bailey the elector who voted for Wallis even though Nixon carried his state was interviewed in Charlotte North Carolina by Louis Brooks at WSOC TV Bailey had no apology for voting as he did and here's his answer when he was asked what he thought about Senator Muskie's challenge in the first place I think that Senator Muskie and representative of Harrah are interfering in the affairs of the state of North Carolina with the electoral college set up there is a very fine distinction made in order that the states represent the President and electors are officials of their States now the Constitution says that state legislatures shall appoint this is the wording in the Constitution in section 2 article 1 the electors and when they contest my vote they're interfering in North Carolina's affairs suppose the senators from North Carolina would go to the Maine and start picking over things that happens there I don't think they have the constitutional authority to do what they're trying to do are you in favor of the electoral college systems very definitely I am this is a system or a structure which guarantees that a political minority can be heard it also distinguishes between state and federal government and permits the state officials to elect the president of the federal government now though the Electoral College might have some shortcomings it still is a very vital instrument for our country and I personally think that the elector should be bound to their districts and vote as the popular vote in the district goes the Secretary of Defense is the civilian head of the entire defense establishment

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head of the entire defense establishment and ranking second to him of the secretaries of the Army Navy and Air Force Nixon chose representative Melvin Laird to be Secretary of Defense and today Laird called a news conference to say who would have these other three jobs and here's what he said Nixon has asked Secretary of Defense to continue as Secretary of the Army he has done an outstanding job is Secretary of the Army and president-elect Nixon has asked him to stay on in this capacity president-elect Nixon has requested Governor John Chafee of Rhode Island a three-term governor in the state of Rhode Island who's had a very successful political career in Rhode Island he ran into a little difficulty in this last election on the sales tax issue as many governors do and he will be retiring as governor of Rhode Island tomorrow he is a former Marine and is well qualified to serve as Secretary of the Navy as the secretary of the Air Force president-elect Nixon has designated Dr. Robert Siemens is has a wide science and understands the problems of space technology and is an expert in this particular field we feel that this team of secretaries reser Chafee

and seaman Siemens will give the kind of team that's necessary to meet the problems that this administration will face in the future president Johnson has told members of congress he will send up soon a balanced budget a phenomenon

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soon a balanced budget a phenomenon Washington has not seen much lately it is said he plans to ask that the 10 per later this week the Nixon cabinet and other aides will meet and talk about the policies the new administration is to follow the Nixon cabinet spent most of today on Capitol Hill talking to members of Congress contributing editor John Chancellor reports the cabinet to be started the day with a breakfast given by Republican members of the House of Representatives everyone looked happy there hasn't been a chance since 1957 for such a Republican gathering after the eggs in the oratory some cabinet members focus a future beginning with Robert Finch secretary designate of Health Education and Welfare and so much in the way of legislation has been enacted under the that Lyndon Johnson Great Society program is to rationalize the as I said earlier the legislation that's on the books and I do not anticipate a great flurry of new legislation in the ATW area I think we're going to have to make do better with the laws that are already and have already been enacted we discussed in the meeting this morning they pledged that the president-elect has made during the campaign in which he will follow through on with respect to the establishment of law and order under a system that provides full justice this is the priority on the domestic scene in this country and I'm happy to report that the members of the House on the Republican side here this morning were in full accord with the president's position in the matter and one which I'll be carrying out in the Justice Department my principle interest and the only reason I consider taking this job which is a very difficult assignment isn't a possible hope that we could move in the direction of peace and security in the world there's been some criticism of the recent appointments have missed a large and the reappointment of Mr. Bunker they called hawks and it's some

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Bunker they called hawks and it's some people think that I think we'd be all better off if we didn't label people so quickly I think it's a mistake to do that and I would hope that the new administration will be given an opportunity of several months where people give us a chance to work out the difficult problems the negotiations in Paris and so forth I think labels of that kind of are really destructive so I would urge all leaders and all thoughtful people not to be too quick in making that kind of judgment this administration is dedicated to finding every possible Avenue to peace and stability in the world later in the day the new cabinet members were given lunch by the Senate Republicans and everyone still wore expressions which seem to say boy am I happy to be here Secretary of State designate Roger in some Nixon actions were given some Democratic Party support today senator William Fulbright chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said he was prepared to bend over backward to get along with the Nixon administration President Johnson doesn't believe that Fulbright has tried recently to bend over backward to get along with him the two men have been feuding for the last three years but Fulbright said today that he supports Richard Nixon's choice of William Rogers as Secretary of State Fulbright expressed no open dissatisfaction with the choice of Henry Cabot Lodge to be chief negotiator at the Paris peace talks and Fulbright took the Nixon position as opposed to the Johnson position when he said he would not press for immediate Senate ratification of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty well it's still before the committee it will be in there we discussed that today and it is expected that we will take it up after the inauguration and have hearings I think it'd be short hearings I would hopefully and I would think it would be

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hopefully and I would think it would be reported usually sorry but Mr. Johnson understand there's a choice on this thing President Johnson was he gonna hurry to get to sit up he's made no request that we take it up I think outta deference to the new prospective administration and he he's not likely to do that all in all it looks as though the Nixon administration and the Nixon appointees will have a fairly easy time of it in the

opening weeks of the 91st Congress Nixon's nominee for Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel of Alaska is expected to get some rough treatment when he appears before the Senate Interior Committee for confirmation but that is the only sign of trouble on the Republican horizon and finally something in the nature of a public service the next inaugural committee Holton gave in the country perspective to attend well two-thirds of them don't have their tickets yet and today the inaugural committee made public a message and we pass it along to any viewers that may concern the committee said we originally anticipated mailing to you your gala tickets but in view of the difficulties experienced with the mail and in order to make sure that you have your tickets we are asking you to collect them on arrival in Washington at the Willard hotel at Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street Northwest well so much for the message but a small footnote the notice advising people that they won't get their inaugural tickets by mail is being sent by mail good night for NBC News the president-elect met in his New York headquarters for about an hour this afternoon with a group of Negro leaders Patrick Moynihan and Nixon urban affairs specialist sat in mr. Nixon has not been well regarded in the black community and the president-elect has been trying to cultivate her better acceptance there and as often stated campaign to unify the country and to end our racial turmoil at a news conference afterwards dr. Ralph Abernathy said the failure of mr. Nixon to name a black man to the

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mr. Nixon to name a black man to the cabinet was his step backward but then dr. Abernathy seems somewhat encouraged by what mr. Nixon said at today's meeting wish to have black people integrated in the totally [Music] governmental process of the nation that he was not looking for in his white jobs as such black jobs is sits but he even pointed out that there are some departments in our federal government where a black man has never saved and it is his intention to see to it that black men served in those departments this was most encouraging by being me Moynihan attended the news conference where he heard himself criticized for not placing more emphasis on the human rather than the physical aspects of our urban racial problem the first place black people feel that cities are people in contrast to the prevailing and I feel uncivilized assumption that cities are physical fabric well if the question was whether my preoccupation for with the physical structure of cities like the record is one of 25 years to saying that the physical structures evolve out of social structures and writing about that since I was 25 I can I concerned has been primarily in the area of labor market problems frankly and probably will continue to be Johnson's farewell address officially it is the State of the Union message tis a new Congress but he is delivering it in person at night and on the television networks so as to reach the American people no president has delivered his last State of the Union message in person since John Adams in 1800 and he didn't have television mr. Johnson will be seen tonight on NBC

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mr. Johnson will be seen tonight on NBC among other things he will say the 10 percent tax increase started last year should continue because the government needs the money it's up to Congress to decide after the speech Richard Nixon plans to issue a statement saying what he thinks about the tax the president no doubt will review his five years in office at a dinner in New York last night he gave idea of how he sees it he said he didn't know whether history would find him to be good or bad but it would have to give him credit for trying melvin laird who will be the secretary of defense went before the Senate Armed Forces Committee today walking a careful path between the hard line and the soft line Laird endorsed the idea of negotiations with the Russians he said he would support treaties limiting the testing and proliferation of nuclear weapons but he said he would never negotiate without nuclear superiority as president-elect Nixon has said we have been living through a period of confrontation mr. Nixon has expressed the hope and I deeply share that hope that we can now move from the era of confrontation to a more rational period of negotiation but one thing we must always ensure and this I see is my primary responsibility as Secretary of Defense in the new administration that this nation will never permit itself to fall into a position where we negotiate from weakness mr. Laird they have been and remain those who advocate cutting down our military capability to parity with that of Russia on the theory that it will create a parity stalemate that will be the best insurance to prevent the outbreak of nuclear general war and will

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outbreak of nuclear general war and will convince Russia that we are truly peaceful minded do you favor cutting down military capability to a parity with that of Russia and do you agree with advanced in support of doing so senator Smith I disagree with that theory and I believe it is absolutely important that the United States maintains the superior position and I am sure that we here in the United States do not and will not ever want to use nuclear weapons but I am Not sure in my own mind that the Communists have that same degree of concern about the use of nuclear weapons I have to be convinced in my own mind that the communist attitude and particularly the Soviet Union and Red China is the same as our attitude and I have not been fully convinced of that fact as of this morning at the Senate Finance Committee Robert Finch who will be Secretary of Health Education and Welfare said president-elect Nixon disregarded some of his advice during the election campaign Finch warned Nixon not to promise that Social Security benefits could be increased as cost-of-living increase but Nixon made the promise anyway now Finch says he is trying to find out how much it will cost to redeem the campaign pledge before the same committee the new secretary of the Treasury David Kennedy said he would increase the level of unemployment in the country in order to combat inflation he said the increase in the number of unemployed people would be minimal but he wouldn't go beyond that Kennedy should call the banker said he wants the 10% federal income tax surtax removed at the earliest possible moment and he endorsed the 7% interest rate charged by some banks as it was revealed that the

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some banks as it was revealed that the new secretary of the Treasury will increase unemployment to fight flight inflation the new Attorney General will increase wiretapping to fight crime John Mitchell mr. Nixon's former law partner told the Senate Judiciary Committee that he would increase the use of electronic eavesdropping which includes wiretapping in certain cases involving national security or certain times of crime all-in-all the Nixon appointees had an easy time before the Senate today and all are assured of nomination and tomorrow the Senate interior committee takes on the most uncertain appointment of them all Alaska governor Hickel to be Secretary of the Interior that hearing could last several day a number of President and mrs. Johnson's friends including some extremely rich ones had a farewell dinner and danced for them last night in a New York hotel ballroom there were so many flowers eleven people spent the day arranging them one of the hostesses whose husband is called a platinum King of America wore a huge emerald hanging from a chain of diamonds she said you can't wear a jewelry most of the time anymore because you're too scared she's about the Secret Service had the place totally blanketed and the only way a jewel thief could have got in was to be invited the press phoned and asked to be let in Liz carpenter mrs. Johnson's press secretary said we haven't been so busy since Lucy turned catholic the president arrived and stood with the hostesses posing for pictures and he said to one of them I'm starving can't you get me some popcorn the Nixons were not invited because one of the hostesses explained he just doesn't happen to be a close friend of the JUNK President Johnson said Congress his last budget today about twelve billion dollars bigger than last year's to keep the government out of the red next year he asked Congress to keep the 10 percent tax increase to continue some other taxes supposed to end this year and to

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taxes supposed to end this year and to raise the first-class postage again he figured the costs in Vietnam would drop during the year but that military spending nevertheless would go up again another five hundred million dollars he also asked for higher Social Security payments and higher payroll taxes to pay for them when Richard Nixon takes over on Monday he can make changes in the budget if he likes and cut it if he wants to but Mr Johnson without quite saying so implied that he didn't think Nixon would be able to do it today's budget differs from the first one mr. Johnson made five years ago mainly in two areas vastly increased spending for social and welfare programs of various kinds and vastly increased spending for the military as he signed the budget at the White House today the president seemed to be in a good mood and he had a few words - second he have had to defend freedom and a good many parts of the world without an

active war going on in Vietnam and to those argue that who lived through World War one and World War two you know it's very difficult to pay for all of those wars while they're going on but thanks to the Congress and although they were a little bit late took them two years to agree that go along with my tax recommendations and I had to withdraw from the race for president to even get him to attend because I was convinced that the Republicans really weren't anxious to make me look good as long as I was a candidate or maybe not anytime I don't know but I'm glad that I was able to report last evening that our estimates of eight they didn't deficit for this year will be turned we hope and believe into his two billion four hundred million circles I'm glad as a result of the council

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I'm glad as a result of the council between our Economic Advisers I'm very proud of them to miss token I've had I've been blessed with wonderful economic advisers on just last three or four more days without a depression [Applause] I'm not only not going to leave town a bitter man I'm going to leave town a happy man and a thankful man but here's a report from contributing editor John Chancellor among those testifying today was William Rogers who will be the next Secretary of State Rogers appeared at a closed session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and said that the next administration will move as fast as it can toward a negotiated peace in Vietnam Rodgers said the Nixon administration will urge the government in Saigon to move on with the peace talks hopefully leading to a negotiated enforceable settlement of the war he also said that his mind is not closed to the idea of some broadly based negotiations that they can be carried on with communist countries elsewhere in the world as governor of Alaska Walter Hickel did and said various things which have offended some Eskimos some conservatives and some Democrats as Richard Nixon's most controversial Cabinet nominee Hickel today promised the Senate interior committee that as Secretary of the Interior he would be good to Eskimos and for conservation as Secretary of the Interior Hickey will have to rule on a politically volatile proposal to bring cheap foreign oil into a New England free port which would lower oil prices in northeastern states that have no oil of their own millions billions of dollars are involved this subject came up today at the crowded hearing for hickel's nomination American oil companies are fighting the proposal and the present administration has ducked the fight senator Edmund muskie of Maine where the Freeport will be

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of Maine where the Freeport will be built as tickle if he could make an objective ruling coming as he does from one of the oil-rich states where even though area the question not a whether you approach the point of you have you expressed in your statement honestly that's whatever the crunch calls you have got to be influenced by the points of you you've developed up to this point or by your desire to be rejected I think in all fairness I've got to say that there isn't any doubt senator that I will take the broad national picture other than that as you indicated I might have as governor Alaska and as far as it being urgent if you have if you have an urgent situation that it requires urgent and prompt action Canalis be perfectly frank is the time of you Frank we are delivering have been pressing for action before January twentieth the other industry has been trusting for delay before jangler's my kid because it's rather widely said that the situation after January twentieth would be less favorable to us and I would try to recognize a problem of a certain region and still keep the national picture in mind now I don't see how in the world I could go beyond this because my full intention would be to try to solve the problem that some section of America had and yet be fair with the nation is all after now we will try to solve this problem by doing nice cars when they're longer is disposed to be nice fellows and I think the secretary doesn't know about the question facing the Senate Armed

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the question facing the Senate Armed Services Committee today was can a poor boy who made good hold on to 300 million dollars worth of industrial stock while serving as Deputy Secretary of Defense the former poor boy is a California millionaire named David Packard wants the job badly enough to put his three hundred million dollar holdings into an independent non profitable trust Packard says this would avoid any

conflict of interest and actually lose him money Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania wondered how much this visit not fair to say that the net impact of your trust arrangement is that you can only lose you can't even hold your own because of the income provision is that not a fair statement well I think that is true I'd I frankly don't see any possible way and wish I could gain in any way and we wonder just I think you might be in the public interest to know what that interest income that you're waving say for a four-year term might amount to because I think people ought to be aware of what people in your position are giving up to undertake a job like this senators Parker that figure was brought out in their original press release the the dividends on this talk will be in the neighborhood of seven hundred thousand dollars per year so we multiply that by four and that's your loss to start with a job Nixon's cabinet appointments went on today in the Senate here again is John Chancellor four of Richard Nixon's cabinet nominees were approved today by Senate committees Clifford harden for agriculture Maurice stands for commerce John Volpe for transportation and George Romney for Housing and Urban Development pardon who will be Secretary of Agriculture said today that he does not plan any drastic changes in present farm programs George George Shultz named the Secretary of Labor said he is opposed to using the government as an employer of last resort which pleased some conservatives but

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which pleased some conservatives but that he would be very cautious about any federal law that would curb nationwide strikes which please some liberals the son of Interior Committee continued its questioning today of Alaska's governor Walter Hickel mr. Nixon's nominee for Secretary of the Interior it's been charged that Hitler behaved badly toward a group of poor Eskimo fishermen who were trying to sell their seasons catch of salmon to a Japanese fishing and processing boat pickles intervention in the sale caused an outcry and the implication that he favors only big commercial fishing companies under questioning by Senator George McGovern Nichols said there was an Alaskan law against selling raw fish to foreigners he conceded that the case was very complicated that some of the Eskimo fish is spoiled but insisted that some of the catch was sold at fair price the committee will call Hickel again tomorrow as a witness David Kennedy the Chicago banker named a secretary of the Treasury was having his troubles today Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee has attacked Kennedy's plan to put his bank stock in trust which could delay his confirmation and David Packard named his Deputy Secretary of Defense faces a similar problem because of doubts of the validity of his trust arrangement and finally Michigan's governor George Romney was up for his hearing as the next Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Senator William Proxmire was worried about not enough Republican concern for the cities and asked Romney about it governor frankly the most disturbing development I felt in the last campaign and then what's happened in the election of course all of us Democrats disappointed but was the fact that there is going to be tremendous pressures there and there's a responsiveness to us in this administration I feel for increased expenditures from military and space and public works expenditures to the extent that this group is successful I'm wondering last money will be available

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wondering last money will be available for the cities because this country does have limited resources who in the next administration will speak out for the needs of our cities and fight for the necessary world nations and you'll be joined by my original eyes that is one of my principal responsibilities I'm delighted tricky because you're certainly a excellent salesman and a man who is a follows his convictions with great force and dynamism I'm delighted I hope you have allies you see I've made it clear that as far as I'm concerned I think we face the prospect of not only war abroad that civil guerilla warfare at home at the same time and if we ever really had that on large scale we all have a situation far more perilous than any of this nation's ever faced right Senate committees today continued their hearings into president-elect Nixon's cabinet appointees and the probed several of them sander van oka reports four of president-elect Nixon's appointees one tentative Senate approval today Robert Finch to the Secretary of Health Education and Welfare congressman Melvin Laird to the Secretary of Defense the Armed Services Committee also approved the nomination of industrialist David Packard to the Undersecretary of Defense after accepting his plan to put

300 million dollars of stock in his company into a charitable trust the Finance Committee approved the appointment of banker David Kennedy to be secretary of the Treasury after he agreed to an orderly disposal of much of his holdings of bank stock but Alaska's governor Walker Hickel nominated to be Secretary of the Interior is still being questioned by the interior committee about his financial holdings and his attitude on the dispersal of federally owned lands with nearly all of the cabinet approved by Senate committees problems rather than people now command the attention of the new administration one problem was outlined today in harsh terms by Joseph Bar the present the Secretary of the Treasury

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the Secretary of the Treasury first of all Mr. Chairman I think the greatest unfinished agenda item it faces me as Secretary of the Treasury is the fact that we have not been able to do more on tax reform Mr. Chairman members of the committee I will hazard a guess they're going to be a taxpayer revolt in this country unless we move in this area now the revolt is not going to come from the floor they don't pay too many taxes anyway the revolt is going to come from the middle class it's going to come from those people with incomes or from 7,500 to 25,000 who paid every nickel of taxes at the going rate they don't have the loopholes and the gimmicks to resort to the Chairman however when these people see as I see that in the year 1967 there were a hundred and fifty-five tax returns in this country with incomes of over 200,000 a year and 21 of those returns with incomes of over a million for a year who paid the United States government not one set of taxes I think those people are going to say well it's time to do something about it and I only confirm the members of the joint house-senate Economic Committee were impressed but they know everyone knows that more is said and less is done about tax reform than any other issue that comes before the Congress today the president who has said farewell to various groups in Washington said goodbye to some reporters contributing editor John Chancellor reports the president and Mrs. Johnson have been busy on what we might call the farewell circuit these past few days today they accepted an invitation to visit the National Press Club Mr. Johnson was asked there if he plans to run for any other political office he said he didn't want to close off any options but that he was leaving Washington with no plans to run for

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Washington with no plans to run for anything the President appears tranquil and serene in these final days and this afternoon he spoke about the transition to the next illustration adding some sentimental words about his own feelings President Nixon is going to be in this job not just working for President Nixon he is going to get to two hundred thousand dollars a year I thought I think some of you ought to feel a little bit sorry for me if I'm gonna take 175,000 cut that he's going to be there working for all of us and I said to him one time and Hubert and I have brought the plane in from the Pacific we've crossed it and we've done a lot of thunderheads an electrical storm just and very dangerous now radar than out and by luck we're here and now we're going to take our grandchildren and get back here in the tourist section and you would Mr. Agnew gonna have to take the control but we're going to be on this plane and you're going to head it across the Atlantic and this clause will jeopardize you more in Atlantic and it did us in the Pacific but I sure do want that plane to land and I want it to land safely and I said that reason I'm going to try to keep my trips up to the cabin to the very minimum and I'm not them not down in the word waive any revolvers are putting at your temple to pull your hair or stretch your or try to attract your attention away from the big job you've got of carrying all of us safely through these treacherous clouds so I would say to all of you that appreciate his destiny here I've had a wonderful five years I don't hold a thing in the world against anyone in this town that I know are anywhere else

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this town that I know are anywhere else if you can just indulge in a little objectivity and I indulge a little introspection I just can't think of a country that could have been better to me and generally speaking I don't think that there's any segments of that country that haven't been good to me and I'm leaving this town with nothing but gratitude and love in my heart I don't know there's not a Republican in the House or Senate

mean enough for me to dislike or hate Richard Milhous Nixon do solemnly swear by Richard Milhous Nixon do solemnly swear that you will faithfully execute the office that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States President of the United States and will to the best of your ability and will with to my ability preserve protect and defend preserve protect and defend the Constitution of the United States the Constitution of the United States so help you God so help me God [Music] with those few words Richard Nixon became the 37th president of the United States an office essentially unchanged since they gave that same oath to George Washington a country beset with many

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Washington a country beset with many other troubles continued a record of political order and stability matched by a few other nations in the world and it also proved the staying power of Richard Nixon six years ago everyone including Nixon himself thought his political career was over it wasn't he took the oath today and then delivered a carefully polished inaugural address standing in this same place a third of a century ago Franklin Delano Roosevelt addressed the nation ravaged by depression gripped in fear he could say in surveying the nation's troubles they concern thank God only material things our crisis today is in Reverse we find ourselves rich in goods but ragged and spirit reaching with magnificent precision for the moon but falling into raucous discord on earth we are caught in war wanting peace we're torn by division wanting unity we see around us empty lives wanting fulfillment we see tasks that need doing waiting for hands to do them I do not offer a life of uninspiring ease I do not call for a life of grim sacrifice I ask you to join in a high adventure one as rich as humanity itself and exciting as the times we live in the essence of freedom is that each of us shares in the shaping of his own destiny until he has been part of a cause larger than himself no man is truly home the way the fulfillment is in the use of our talents we achieve nobility and the spirit that inspires that goose as we measure what can be

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that goose as we measure what can be done we shall promise only what we know we can produce but as we chart our goals we shall be lifted by our dreams no man can be fully free while his neighbor is not to go forward at all is to go forward together this means black and white together as one nation not to the laws have caught up with our conscience what remains is to give life to what is in the law to ensure at last that is all are born equal and dignity for before God all are born equal in dignity before man as we learn to go forward together at home let us also seek to go forward together with all mankind let us take us our goal where peace is unknown make it welcome for peace is fragile make it strong where peace is temporary make it permanent the greatest honor history canvas stove is the title of peacemaker this honor now beckons America the chance to help lead the world at last out of the valley of turmoil and on to that high ground of peace that man is dreamed of since the dawn of civilization if we succeed generations to come will say of us now living that we mastered our moment that we'd help make the world safe for mankind this is our summons to greatness and I believe the American people are ready to answer this call I know America I know the heart of America

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know America I know the heart of America is good I speak to my own heart and the heart of my country the deep concern we had for those who suffer and those who saw I have taken an oath today in the presence of God in my countrymen to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States and to that oath I now add this sacred commitment I shall concentrate my office my energies and all the wisdom I can summon to the cause of peace among nations let this message be heard by strong and weak alike the peace we seek the peace we seek to win is not victory over any other people but the peace that comes with healing in its wings with compassion for those who have suffered with understanding for those who have opposed us with the opportunity for all the peoples of this earth to choose their own destiny we have endured a long night of the

American Stroke but as our eyes catch the dimness of the first rays of dawn let us not curse the remaining dark let us gather the light our destiny offers not the cup of despair but the chalice of opportunity so let us seize it not in fear but in gladness and writers on the earth together let us go forward firm in

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earth together let us go forward firm in our faith steadfast in our purpose cautious of the dangers but sustained by our confidence in the will of God and the promise of man huntley-brinkley reporters produced you Lyndon Johnson's last one took over the Whitehouse and the other took an airplane back to Texas so it was the beginning for one in the end for the other and a memorable day for both of them and here's a report on how it was for both of them from White House correspondent Herbert Kaplow and contributing editor John Chancellor one of the first functions of the new President was to be the host at a reception here at the White House right after the inaugural parade ended it was for his and his wife's family's all together we're told there were about 200 people present tonight the Nixon's dress

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people present tonight the Nixon's dress and formal clothes and drop in at the 6th inaugural ball spread about town Richard Nixon obviously is a happy man tonight he's had a couple of tough defeats over the years in getting here and perhaps because of them he is savoring the victory more than those who reached here more easily he has been a control satisfied man over these past few weeks he has been organizing his administration with a quiet restrained enthusiasm what this morning is he was getting ready to start out as he was tying his tie he was heard whistling and as one aide puts it when he whistles well then you know he figures things are going pretty well Herbert Kaplow NBC News at the White House Lyndon Johnson left town today and both his friends and his enemies admit that the place won't be the same without him he left at the end of a single elected term as president which is not how he had planned his life nevertheless this past week in the noisy round of official farewell ceremonies mr. Johnson gave every appearance of being at peace with himself the process of transition has been smoother and better organized than ever before and close associates of both men say mr. Johnson and mr. Nixon who are old political antagonists are getting along just fine and as Richard Nixon put his hand on the Bible today mr. Johnson was poised and restrained and thoughtful he had taken his first presidential oath in the back of Air Force One on a terrible day in Dallas the same plane took him home later today but before

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took him home later today but before that a lot of people who had gone all the way with LBJ turned up at a luncheon given for the departing president by his old friend Mark Clifford and they heard these spirited words I'm just thankful that I have good friends to go home to and I'm so grateful for the kindness and the goodness of the American people and their help and understanding through the years that I have tried to serve them what does a man say farewell to Washington at 4:30 they did well I'm not saying farewell I'm coming back members of the Senate turned out this morning for the swearing-in ceremonies on the Capitol Steps and when that was over the Senators went back inside and did a little work they voted to confirm all but one of the nominees to the Nixon cabinet the one being governor Hickel of Alaska nominated to be power under the American political system was seen more clearly and more vividly today than it ever has been before at the precise moment President Nixon was taking his place here in the preview stand at the White House to see his inaugural parade former President Johnson was arriving at Andrews Air Force Base to fly back to Texas and on NBC television we saw the two events simultaneously and here's how it was goodnight and I got a good night for NBC News President Nixon installed himself in the White House behind a desk that once belonged to Woodrow Wilson when mr. Johnson had the office he had three television sets with remote control so he could watch all three networks simultaneously to see what they

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networks simultaneously to see what they were saying about him today mr. Nixon ordered them removed and so all the networks lost a little bit of their audience beyond that he announced he would use the White House Office mainly for ceremonial purposes and have another one in the executive office building next door for real work he was at his desk today at 7:30 saying that would be the normal starting time but his staff members hadn't yet got that word because when he asked for them many of them weren't in yet and he had a reception for 1,300 people who helped him get elected and had about 80 staff members formally sworn in here's a report from White House correspondent Robert Keppler the new president was in his office here at the White House at 7:30 this morning before anyone else on a staff and after only about four hours sleep he's told for some time that he could do this job pretty well and he was eager to get at it a little later he posed for pictures in his new office he pointed out that his desk was the one he used while vice-president and which before that was used by President Woodrow Wilson mr. Nixon said that this office will be used largely for ceremonial occasions he'll use a smaller one and a government building across the street for what he called his brain work then a Nixon reception in the East Room for campaign workers several hundred of them mr. Nixon moved through the crowds shaking hands thanking all for their help a little later White House staff members gathered in the East Room to be sworn into office by Chief Justice Warren this was a Nixon innovation usually such ceremonies involve only the higher-level people the new president expanded it to get his entire staff more involved more dedicated the people that will be sworn and our members of the White House staff they're supposed to be faceless men and women for faceless men and women I think they look very good though don't you mr.

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look very good though don't you mr. Chief Justice and we mean by that that these are the men and women who will be working long hours in the White House and in the executive executive office building who will be working many of many of them as is the case with many people in government at less compensation than they have had in private life who in addition to that will be away from their families a great deal that's one of the reasons we invited the families we want you to take a good look at them now you may not see too much of them later this afternoon several high officials joined the president for a meeting of the National Security Council mr. Nixon has indicated he means to make that the major foreign policy body in his administration the staff of the council under Nixon orders has prepared a list of alternatives on three matters requiring immediate attention Vietnam but yet to be ratified treaty banning the spread of nuclear weapons and disarmament tomorrow morning President Nixon starts early again at eight o'clock he's to see his cabinet members sworn into office Herbert Kaplow NBC News at the White House NBC New York this is the news reported by Chet Huntley and David Brinkley President Nixon's cabinet - one member who was sworn in this morning at eight o'clock and a few minutes later he put them to work deciding what they will do now that they have the power the one missing member of course was Walter J Hickel there was to be Secretary of the Interior the Senate still has not confirmed him but it did agree today it will vote on confirming him tomorrow and even his opponents agree he will win even though not confirmed and sworn in Hickel was at the cabinet meeting today one thing they decided to try if possible to cut the government budget enough to eliminate or reduce the ten percent surtax it'll take a while to see if they can do it here's a report from

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if they can do it here's a report from Washington from White House correspondent Herbert Catholic it was another production personally supervised by the president he discussed it first with his aide and with the Chief Justice Warren then with his men and their families in place the new president began the ceremony this is an historic occasion in any administration it involves of course the swearing-in of our cabinet and before coming down this morning I was reading a little background with regard to the appropriate term to apply to a cabinet Andrew Jackson used was the man who first used the term kitchen cabinet and Theodore Roosevelt called his cabinet at tennis cabinet because he played tennis Herbert Hoover's cabinet was a medicine ball cabinet and I've been asked what this cabinet is well in view of the fact that we have started at 8 o'clock in the morning for the swearing-in we'll call it a working cabinet we are honored today to have the Chief Justice of the United States to swear in each member of the cabinet and as I call the name of the

member of the cabinet if he would step forward with his wife his wife will hold the Bible as the Chief Justice swears in each member the captain the Secretary of State mr. William P Rogers and mrs. Rogers you will say I pronounce your name and photo and repeat after me mmm hi would you p.rajes do solemnly swear do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic against all enemies foreign and domestic I'll bear true faith and allegiance to

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I'll bear true faith and allegiance to the same that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same that I take this obligation freely and I take this obligation freely without mental reservation without mental reservation or secretive a secret' evasion that I will well and faithfully perform that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of the office duties the office on which I am about to and upon which I am about to run it so help you God it'll help you God thank you let me copy that went to work meeting for almost three hours talking me of procedural matters Walter Hickel the president's choice who had the Interior Department was there even though he hadn't been sworn in because the Senate had delayed his confirmation altogether today is in previous presentations mr. Nixon not only was trying to foster a good spirit within his administration he was also trying to create the impression that the new leadership is competent and that each official will be expected to contribute a great deal this continues to be a carefully orchestrated Nixon theme and the new president hopes it was founded still sour notes as possible during the next four perhaps eight years Herbert a flow NBC News at the White House some of the 1972 presidential campaign could be seen this week first there was Senator Edward Kennedy he spoke twice as we reported at dinners held to pay off the debts left by his late brother one in New York Tuesday night and one in Washington last night in addition to his serious remarks about his brother he also had some light and joking remarks about himself but there were little jokes that didn't really sound much like jokes this has been an exciting week in Washington we've we have a new president he has shown that he's an extremely hot and industrious worker the morning he indicated that he wasn't going to use the Oval room my mother read that in the paper and she called me up and said

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paper and she called me up and said Teddy I see where the president isn't going to use the Oval room she said I think someone ought to use it so we're looking into that I want to say right now there's been a great many stories about 1972 that great many stories about muskie Kennedy ticket a Keady muskie ticket I want to just say tonight right now there's absolutely no truth to those stories and muskie hasn't picked the vice president yet let me say either by a joke is a joke but his name certainly will figure in the 1972 campaign another name is Senator muskie of Maine who has all but announced himself a candidate he will try to get nominated the next time the same way Richard Nixon did it last time by taking the chicken and green peas circuit that is crossing the country is speaking at party dinners helping to raise money for the Democrats being nice to local party officials and attentive to their wives and daughters and eating those dinners they serve in hotel ballrooms usually chicken and green peas or ham with raisin sauce he started last night in Dallas about like party dinners and either party in any city anywhere Richard Nixon spent four years doing this whenever he

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spent four years doing this whenever he was asked and he did it so well by the time of the convention he had the nomination sewed up it might be said he talked and ate his way into the nomination since it worked for him now muskie says he will try it Lyndon Johnson's a big man was capable of thinking big who's capable of undertaking fake endeavors and is capable of seeing them through and was capable also taking the big criticisms I'm sure that he's enjoying his first taste of private life and although I envy him his period of relaxation however long that lasts which I suspect will be too long I'm not anxious to emulate it yet muskie is out again at another dinner tonight and plans to be in twelve states in the next few months he impressed a lot of people in last fall's campaign and by 1972 he could make it if his stomach holds out through four years of

chicken and peas and ham with a raisin salt President President Nixon has withdrawn 485 nominations for government jobs President Johnson sent to Congress in the last days of his term most of them are post masters but they also include two ambassadors and five judges mr. Nixon can cancel them all if he wants to and nominate his own people instead he also ordered the Civil Aeronautics Board to hold up on some airline routes approved by mr. Johnson in his last days in office mr. Nixon has the power to change these two if he wants to here's a report from the White House and from NBC News correspondent Herbert Keppler Walter Hickel would just as soon as share the glory with his eleven cabinet brothers when they were sworn in last Tuesday but he was left back by the Senate and it took him three days to

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Senate and it took him three days to catch up so today he was sworn in and he got the full treatment the rest of the cabinet was there the Chief Justice was there and the president was there trying to make light of a comment but got Hickel into trouble with the conservationist nickel had said I think we've had a policy of conservation just for conservation purposes I'm sure that enough editorial note has been taken of the fact that his confirmation has taken a little longer than some of the other members of the cabinet if I may paraphrase him however that does not concern us we're not interested in confirmation for confirmation I I should also point out that the he takes an office which throughout the history of this country has been somewhat controversial and so if I may present him now with the biblical scripture the last shall be first as far as this administration is concerned secretary then Chief Justice Warren administer the oath and governor Hickel was at last Secretary Hickel the president joked about the matter but he has been meticulous about trying to avoid this sort of political missplay it wasn't disastrous but it was an embarrassment Herbert Kaplow NBC News was at the White House today said he was afraid the next explosion in the Middle East could bring a conflict between the big nuclear powers and so he said his administration would try to cool down the Middle East with some new ideas and new leadership

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with some new ideas and new leadership as you ladies and gentlemen are aware the suggestion has been made that we have for power talks the suggestion has also been made that we use the United Nations as the primary forum for such talks and it has also been suggested that the United States and the Soviet Union bilaterally they should have talks on the Mideast and in addition to that of course that the problem finally should be settled by the parties in the area we are going to devote the whole day on Saturday to the Mideast problem just as we devoted the whole day this last Saturday on the problem of Vietnam we will consider on the occasion of that meeting the entire range of options that we have I shall simply say at this time that I believe we need new initiatives and new leadership on the part of the United States in order to cool off the situation in the Mideast I considered a powder keg very explosive it needs to be defused and I am open to any suggestions that may cool it off and reduce the possibility of another explosion because the next explosion in the Mideast I think could involve very well a confrontation between the nuclear powers which we want to avoid possible to have a ceasefire in Vietnam so long I think that it is not helpful in discussing Vietnam to use such terms a ceasefire because ceasefire is a term of art that really has no relevance in my opinion to a guerrilla war I think at this point that this administration believes that the better approach is the one that ambassador Lodge under our direction set forth in Paris mutual withdrawal forces on a guaranteed basis by both sides from South Vietnam during

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by both sides from South Vietnam during the transition period in New York several persons who conferred with you came away with the impression that you felt the Vietnam War might be ended within a year I of course in my conversations with those individuals and any individuals have never used the term six months a year two years or three years I do not think it's it is helpful to make overly optimistic statements which in effect may impede and perhaps might make very difficult our negotiations in Paris all that I will say is this that we have a new team in Paris with some old faces but a new team we have new direction from the United

States we have a new sense of urgency with regard to the negotiations there will be new tactics we believe that those tactics may be more successful than the tactics of the past this is going to take time but I can assure you that it will have my personal attention it will have my personal direction the Secretary of State my advisor financial security affairs the Secretary of Defense all of us will give it every possible attention and we hope to come up with some new approaches the general reaction was that he had done his homework was as candid as he could be and a little nervous at the beginning but soon settled down and held an effective news conference he seemed hopeful of Vietnam talks in Paris would succeed the White House with Republican congressional leaders and then he went up to the Capitol to visit members of the House a report from NBC News correspondent Herbert Kaplow the president's visit to Capitol Hill was more than just amenities he's going out of his way to pay his respects to Congress trying to prepare for good relations in the future when he needs Congress today he visited the House of

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Congress today he visited the House of Representatives chatted with Republicans and Democrats this morning the president met in the White House with Republican congressional leaders they talked about the Nixon legislative program and when and how it would be presented none of which has yet been decided the congressman did get the strong impression that the president will recommend extension of the 10 percent income tax surcharge which expires June 30th unless financial conditions improved considerably within the next few months afterwards Republican Senate leader Dirksen with the GOP House Leader Ford had his side told of an area where the Nixon administration means to be particularly active the fight against crime the point I'm trying to make here is that there are some services that are absolutely imperative if you're going to successfully wrestle with his crime problem you've got a pin point what the problem really is particularly here in the district and say all right this is what we need by way of judges this is what we need by way of policemen this is what we need in the field of bail reform and things go about getting it on the books and making it effective as quickly as possible and this is going to have very prime emphasis my understanding is there will be a supplemental for the District of Columbia to take care of some of the anti-crime problems mentioned by Senator Dirksen but there will also be a supplemental from the Department of Justice for a new effort by carrying out the new directions of the new administration in crime generally throughout the country all his activity today doesn't mean mr. Nixon will ask Congress for much new this year he won't he will ask for refinements and

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he won't he will ask for refinements and existing legislation and as he did today he will ask for money for programs already approved the president thinks the country wants to slow down on new laws wants to consolidate what we already have it's part of what he senses to be as the overall mood of the country a desire to pause to see where we are and to avoid controversy for a while Herbert Kaplow NBC News at the White House pleased to be applauded by both parties and to be assured by the Democratic leaders they would do all they could to help him he also went to the State Department where there has been some fear the foreign policy advisors in the White House might be taking over the field entirely mr. Nixon said no that wasn't true I respect the members of this department the career service for the contribution you have made and are making to the foreign policy of this country I hope that when this administration completes its service in Washington we will have made real progress toward settling differences between nations toward bringing the peace that we all want in the world and I know that if that comes it will come only because of the quality of our State Department personnel I know that I have to count on you and I can only say that as I stand here today as I see you I believe that I as the chief executive officer of this nation have the best advice of any chief executive officer of any nation in the world pictures CC news last spring after the murder of Martin Luther King parts of three commercial areas in Washington were looted and burned and now almost a year later almost none of it has been restored small businessmen are reluctant to invest in these areas loans and insurance are difficult or impossible to get and so burned out stores remain burned-out president Nixon went into one

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burned-out president Nixon went into one of these areas today and talked about rebuilding without saying exactly how it'll be done a report from contributing editor John Chancellor a few days ago a Washington high school principal was murdered by a young gunman and today a playground was dedicated in his name in the heart of the riot area President Nixon was a surprise visitor joining his new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development George Romney and the mayor of the District of Columbia Walter Washington 48 hours who do I want to make one thing very clear I was determined that we have action immediately on this problem something that would be more than three it would be the promises in the symbolism and I'm glad we're starting today you're visible visible demonstration today I think is going to be one of the greatest morale boosters of all I'll tell you what I'd like to do when the park is finished I'd like to come back and see it though mr. Nixon had done little campaigning among Negroes last fall and got hardly any Negro votes but he was rewarded for his visit today when one man called him a soul brother mr. Nixon kept people working all night last night on this development project and he followed that with another burst of speed today when the release of his anti-crime program for the District of Columbia crime rates in the district are increasing at what seems to be a runaway pace robberies and holdups doubled last year banks are robbed almost every day the president proposed today that a thousand new policemen be added to the 3,000 strong Washington force that 40 new assistant US attorneys be made available in the district that 10 new federal judges be put to work on district crime with others brought in from outside to help and a number of other proposals the Nixon planners are also worried about the effects of narcotics on crime as

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the effects of narcotics on crime as well as bad housing and broken down neighborhoods and the plan calls for action in these interrelated fields as well if all of this sounds like more of the same old remedies that is true and the Nixon people admit that they feel their accomplishment lies in putting together some standard proposals and getting them into shape in 11 days they feel an urgency about crime and well they might two more banks were robbed in Washington today now here is NBC's White House correspondent Herbert kept low with the report on how all these new Nixon programs add up Richard Nixon went into the ghetto today the way he wanted with no immediate political pressures and with something to deliver and perhaps he reached a few black people was afternoon he moved on crime in the District of Columbia and maybe with this he reached some more people it appears the president will reorganize but not be emphasized the fight against poverty and others were like that and yesterday the Nixon administration and following through on school desegregation orders of the Johnson administration gave the five southern counties involved more time to comply and perhaps some of the white South appreciated that leniency so the new president in the period of 24 hours the way he hopes to unify the country delicately orchestrated pattern of moves showing all segments of society that they're not being ignored Herbert capillo NBC News President Nixon also went over to the Pentagon today to tell the generals and admirals and others he would welcome their help and advice [Music] [Applause] [Music] I know that the military man in the

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I know that the military man in the United States today is a broad gauged man he's his knowledge is not limited simply too and his interests are not limited simply to the military responsibilities that are his he knows the world in which we live he can give valuable advice on the great diplomatic and political considerations that have to be considered when great decisions are made he is a specialist true and I can assure you one thing I do not presume to be a specialist in this field and I'm going to rely when it comes to purely military matters on what the my military advisors tell me should be done this is one department where I feel particularly humble like so many Americans I of course have served in the Armed Forces and I always feel just a little bit embarrassed when an admiral comes up to me and says sir I think it should be the other way around in the meantime the president is energetically trying to enlist the support of the Washington bureaucracy which is not always easy to get even for the president who nominally is in charge of it it tends to go its own way unchanging while presidents come and go today mr. Nixon went to the Justice Department

there's never been a time in this nation's history when more Americans were more concerned about the enforcement of law and reestablishing not only respect for laws but laws that deserve respect that means how the laws are enforced will bring that respect and so a great deal rides on the confidence of the men and women in this room the leadership that you provide I simply want you to know that I have great confidence in you I realize that only a few of you those who sit in these front rows are here because of the appointments that I have

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because of the appointments that I have made appointments that I have made after consultation with the Attorney General and with his of course strong provo I know that most of you in this room are people who have dedicated your adult lives to the service of government and I want all of you to know who are not political appointees those of you who are in the career service that I have great respect for those who have been in a career service I know what a tremendous contribution you have made earlier in the day the president went to not one but two prayer breakfasts and he said at night he tries to read a few of the many letters arriving at the White House to try to get a feel of the country and it's mood so as not to be isolated in the president's office he said in a day when religion was not supposed to be fashionable he was struck by the number of people who said they were praying for him

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